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In re Application of

Lindholm, et al.

Application No. 09/586,249

Filed: May 31, 2000

For: SYSTEM METHOD AND ARTICLE OF  
MANUFACTURE FOR A PROGRAMMABLE  
VERTEX PROCESSING MODEL WITH  
INSTRUCTION SET

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed September 5, 2000, to make the above-identified application special pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 708.02 (VIII).

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII, an application may be granted special status provided that the applicant complies with each of the following items: (a) submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i); (b) presents all claims are directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status; (c) submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing of the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, database search with the search terms used, etc.; (d) submits one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (e) submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The petition meets the above requirements and is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

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